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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL COUNCIL ON AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Council on AIDS to have policy directives and monitor AIDS control programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the members of such council and the targets assigned to it?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir.The National Council on AIDS was set up in June, 2005 under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister with Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare as Vice-Chairman and 28 Ministers in-charge of various Central Government Ministries/Departments besides Dy. Chairman of Planning Commission. The Council also includes Chief Ministers of three AIDS high prevalence States (Tamil Nadu, Maharahstra and Nagaland) and one CM from moderate AIDS prevalence State namely Gujarat and 3 highly AIDS vulnerable States (Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal).The Council has 15 non-officials representing civil society organizations.

The main functions of the Council are to mainstream HIV/AIDS issue in all Ministries/Departments by considering it as a development challenge and not merely a public health problem; to lead the multi-sectoral response to HIV/AIDS in the country with special reference to youth and the work force, and review the inter-sectoral commitment.